GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1623
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Demand of Railway Passenger Rakes and Coaches
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan;Ramachandran Shri Krishnan Narayanasamy

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any need for improvement in old rail coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of measures taken to fulfil the required demand of railway passengers rakes and coaches for trains and the status thereof;

(c) whether old coaches of trains are still in operation even after expiry of their normal useful life; and

(d) if so, the number thereof and the measures taken for their replacement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Improvement in rail coaches is a continual endeavor of Indian Railways. Regular maintenance and upkeep of all passenger amenity items provided in coaches is carried out during laid down maintenance schedules. Besides, identified coaches after attaining 12-15 years of life are also subjected to a 'Mid-life' rehabilitation.
(b): Every year, production plan of coaches is being made commensurate with the projected requirement. Presently, adequate numbers of coaches have been provided to all zonal Railways for running passenger carrying trains to their scheduled compositions which is considered sufficient for the present level of traffic.
(c): No, Madam. All coaches running in passenger services are within their permitted service life.
(d): Does not arise. Replacement of old coaches which have outlived their permitted service life is a continual process.
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